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ROAD WORK TO INCLUDE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON ROUTE 820 IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

STAUNTON – Traffic at the Route 820 (Bergton Road) construction project in Rockingham County, will be controlled by temporary traffic signals beginning Aug. 16 to facilitate slope excavation work. The location of the signals is just west of Route 259 (Brocks Gap Road). Traffic is limited to a single lane in this location and the signals will be located at both ends of this area. The signals will control traffic 24-hours a day and are anticipated to remain until October 16. After that time there will be flagger traffic control as needed. Motorists are urged to drive with caution in the work zone and to only proceed when a green light is present.

The entire Route 820 work zone is located 1.10 miles to 0.30 mile west of Route 259.

Crews will work Monday to Friday, 7a.m. to 7p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blasting operations also will be occurring Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Delays up to one hour should be expected during these times. Completion of this project is scheduled for November 2010.

The purpose of this Route 820 project is to stabilize the failing embankment, to widen the shoulders and to reconstruct and improve the layout of the roadway. The current roadway has many sharp curves and substandard shoulders with no ditch. Also, on this portion of Route 820, there is a steep rock slope on north side of the road and on the south side of the road there is a 50 to 75-foot embankment leading to the North Fork of the Shenandoah River. The embankment is beginning to show signs of failure.

Perry Engineering Company Inc. of Winchester was awarded the contract valued at \$3.7 million on March 17, 2010.

All work is weather permitting.

The VDOT Staunton District serves Frederick, Shenandoah, Clarke, Warren, Page, Rockingham, Augusta, Highland, Rockbridge, Alleghany and Bath counties.

Traffic alerts and traveler information can be obtained by dialing 511. In areas where 511 is unavailable, dial 1-866-MY511VA (866-695-1182) (TTY/TDD users, call 711). Traffic alerts and traveler information also are available at 511Virginia.org.

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